

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Presently Amended) A method for processing a print job, comprising modifying a raster operation function to have fewer variables than originally specified by said print job, wherein said function includes two of a destination variable, an object variable and an ink variable, said modifying further including reducing said function to a single variable.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said modifying further includes determining whether said function has a variable with a black or white identity.

3. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 2, further including determining whether ~~an~~ said ink variable is black or white.

4. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 2, further including determining whether ~~an~~ said object variable is black or white.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further including determining whether said object variable is one of a character, a stencil and an image.

6. (Presently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said modifying further includes determining whether said function has a said destination variable unaltered in a to-be-painted area.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Presently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1,~~ A method for processing a print job, comprising modifying a raster operation function to have fewer variables than originally specified by said print job, wherein said function includes one of a destination variable, an object variable and an ink variable, said modifying further including reducing said function to no variable.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further executing said modified function.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

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